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SUBJECT: TTBT: PRELIMINARY DATA EXCHANGE

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1. ON THE EDGES OF PNE NEGOTIATIONS MARCH 5 EMBOFF INFORMED TIMERBAYEV (MOROKHOV IS STILL INDISPOSED) THAT THE U.S. IS NEARING CONCLUSION OF ITS EXAMINATION OF THE SOVIET PRELIMINARY DATA EXCHANGE PACKAGE, AND ASKED IF THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE READY IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO PARTICIPATE IN A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF OUR FINDINGS. TIMERBAYEV SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE READY AT "ANY TIME" TO ENTER SUCH DISCUSSIONS. HE ADDED THAT THE QUESTION OF "WHICH CHANNELS TO USE" SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN ADVANCE, HOWEVER, IF POSSIBLE. HE COMMENTED THAT ALL EXCHANGES ON THIS ISSUE SO FAR HAD TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN "MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS" AND IMPLIED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE ISSUE IN THOSE CHANNELS. HE SUGGESTED THAT MOROKHOV AND THE AMBASSADOR COULD PERHAPS DISCUSS PROCEDURAL ISSUE SUCH AS THIS ONE ON MARCH 9 AFTER THE PNE SESSION. HE THEN ADDED AS AN AFTER-THOUGHT THAT "MOROKHOV OF COURSE WOULD BE ACTING AS AN AGENT OF MFA". EMBOFF REPLIED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE AMBASSADOR WOULD BE READY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON ANY PROCEDURAL ISSUES THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS. COMMENT. TIMERBAYEV EVIDENTLY WISHES TO KEEP THESE EXCHANGES WELL SEPARATED FROM THE PNE TALKS THEMSELVES. END COMMENT.

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2. EMBOFF STRESSED THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF AGREEMENT ON PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE AS WE APPROACH MARCH 31. TIMERBAYEV AGREED AND MUSED RHETORICALLY, THAT WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME KIND OF A DECISION ON WHAT TO DO WHEN MARCH 31 ARRIVES, THOUGH ADDING AFTER A PAUSE THAT "IT PERHAPS IS STILL TOO EARLY TO WORRY ABOUT THAT". EMBOFF AGREED THAT WE MAY HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT PROBLEM, AND ADDED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL POSSIBLE WAYS TO APPROACH THE QUESTION. TIMERBAYEV NODDED, BUT THEN ASKED WHAT WOULD BE DONE ABOUT PNE'S? EMBOFF ASKED IF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO CARRY OUT ANY PNE'S IN THE NEAR FUTURE WHICH MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEMS IN THAT REGARD. TIMERBAYEV REPLIED THAT THE QUESTION WAS ONE OF PRINCIPLE, NOT A MATTER OF PRACTICAL APPLICATION. WILL THE TTBT BE EXTENDED TO PNE'S HE ASKED, EVEN WHEN THERE IS NO COMPLETED AGREEMENT ON PNE VERIFICATION? EMBOFF GAVE NON-COMMITTAL REPLY, NOTING ONLY THAT THE TIME MAY COME WHEN WE WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS.
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